

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/IL05/00300

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A61B 08/00

US CL : 600/438

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 600/407, 437 - 438, 443, 472, 473, 356/340

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X, Y	US 6,815,694 B2 (SFEZ et al) 09 November 2004, see entire document	(1-4,9,31-37,40-41,49-54)/(5-8,10-17,21-35,42-44,47-48,55-59,66-70)
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Y	US 5,212,667 A (TOMLINSON JR. et al) 18 May 1993, col. 5 line 42 - col. 6 line 60	11-17,21-26,47-48,55-59,66-67
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